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A Good Man Or A Soldier?

"A Washington child of seven, in its evening prayer, said: 'Oh, God, make my papa a good man — oh, never mind, God, I want him to be a soldier.' This instance suggests that soldiering is not altogether favorable to goodness, but it also suggests how early in life the tide of militarism sweeps into the hearts of the children. Until we can put away the soldier caps and guns and drums that glorify war in the hearts of our boys, and even our girls, we shall have great difficulty in inaugurating the new era of peace." — *Wilbur F. Crafts.*

Christian Heroism.

"I am not conscious of having lost in any degree my early admiration of heroic achievement. The feeling remains, but it has found new and better objects. I have learned to appreciate what Milton calls the martyr's 'unresistible might of meekness,' — the calm uncomplaining endurance of those who can bear up against persecution uncheered by sympathy or applause, and, with a full and keen appreciation of the value of all which they are called to sacrifice, confront danger and death in unselfish devotion to duty. Fox, preaching through his prison-gates or rebuking Oliver Cromwell in the midst of his soldier-court; Henry Vane, beneath the axe of the headsman; Mary Dyer, on the scaffold at Boston; Luther, closing his speech at Worms, with the sublime emphasis of his 'Here am I; *I cannot otherwise*; God help me'; William Penn, defending the rights of Englishmen from the bale dock of the Fleet prison; Clarkson, climbing the decks of Liverpool slave-ships; Howard, penetrating to infected dungeons; meek Sisters of Charity, breathing contagion in thronged hospitals,— all these, and such as these, now help me to form the loftier ideal of *Christian heroism.*"—*From Whittier's "The Training."*

La Guerre et la Paix (War and Peace), by O. Kellerman, to be had in French of M. Vasseur, 4 Place du Théâtre Français, Paris, for a franc and a half plus postage, is a most valuable ethical study of the question of war and peace. It treats the subject in a fresh, living, up-to-date way.

Deutsche Stimmen aus Deutschen Ländern, of which we have received a copy, is a collection of utterances by leading citizens of Germany on the evils of drink. The pamphlet, the price of which is five cents, has been prepared by Mrs. Dr. J. H. W. Stuckenburg of North Cambridge, Mass., of whom it may be had.

Dr. Albert Shaw's article, "Paris and the Exposition of 1900," in the American *Review of Reviews* for June, is one of the most discriminating estimates of the value of the Exposition yet published on this side of the Atlantic.

War and Christianity are like the opposite ends of a balance, of which one is depressed by the elevation of the other.— *Jonathan Dymond.*

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